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1. The new airfield which is being built at Bechyne (O 50/Q 89) is bounded in the north by the road between Bechyne and Sudomerice, in the northeast by the Sudomericky Revir woods, in the southeast by the road between Sudomerice and Breznice and in the southwest by the road between Breznice, Hodonice and Bechyne. The site covers a total area of approximately 1,500 by 3,000 meters.
2. Work on the new field was started in November 1952 by Posista National Enterprise, of Prague, employing approximately 500 civilian workers on the site. In December 1952, the following military labor units arrived:
 - a. Three companies of the auxiliary technical battalion at Decin.
 - b. One company of the auxiliary technical battalion at Ceske Budejovice.
 - c. One motor transport company.
3. These military labor companies have a strength of about 100 each. Together with the technical personnel present, they total about 530 military persons employed on the site. Members of the auxiliary technical battalions have had very little actual military training and were sent to the site about two weeks after being inducted. They are employed here chiefly on heavy labor.
4. The airfield is expected to be completed by the end of 1953. It is to have two parallel concrete runways, running northwest - southeast, about 3,000 meters in length and from 40 to 60 meters in width. Hangars are to be built on the southwest edge of the wood, partly underground.
5. A new branch railroad line has been constructed to connect the airfield site with the Tabor - Bechyne railroad line. It joins the main line north of Sudomerice

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and runs to the east of that town to the site.

6. Approximately seven mechanical shovels, six scrapers, eight bulldozers, 20 Type RRG trucks and 15 Type Tatra 111 trucks are being used on the construction job. There is also some machinery for trench digging and pipe laying which is being used for the installation of drainage. A small fuel dump is located in one of the administrative buildings.

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